

THE BRITISH COLONIST.

Saturday Morning, Feb 25, 1871.

Shipping Intelligence

PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ENTERED.

Feb 24—Stmr Isabel, Starr, Pt Townsend, Clarendon.
Feb 25—Stmr Isabel, Starr, Pt Townsend, Clarendon.
Feb 26—Stmr Isabel, Starr, Pt Townsend, Clarendon.

Auction Sales To-Day.

LUMLEY FRANKLIN, 110 Yates street, will sell at 11 o'clock, a.m., at Saleroom, Furniture, Merchandise & Bull, &c.

AN EQUIVOCAL TEMPER.—Our neighbour is the usually quiet little burgh of Esquimalt appear to be suffering from the throes of a local upheaving which bids fair to involve more than one person in serious difficulty if not disgrace. A few days ago we chronicled the fact that a chivalric party had visited the house of Mr Thomas Rabson, and with tinpans, fish-bones, cow-bells and drums had created a din so euphonious that the occupant of the house "slept" in order to get rid of his visitors. The next day Mr Rabson preferred a charge against Mr Hunter, Constable and Custom-house Officer at Esquimalt, of encouraging or conspiring with or conniving at the destruction of his (R's) premises by fire, in that he—Hunter—stood by while a number of lads set fire to a tar-barrel in honor of the event which they came prepared to celebrate. The case was to have been called on yesterday. Rabson attended Court, but pending the arrival of the Police Magistrate, Mr J. T. Howard, of Esquimalt, preferred a charge of larceny against Rabson, whom he accused of stealing a saw belonging to complainant. Rabson was incarcerated but shortly he was released on his own recognizance and the two charges will be investigated on Monday next. The affair has created much emotion at Esquimalt, and the usual placid surface of society there is quite ruffled in consequence.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.—Several gentlemen are mentioned in connection with seats in the House of Commons. Among others we understand that Henry Nathan, Jr., Esq., member of the Legislative Council for this city, will positively offer himself at the proper time. Mr Nathan's energy and ability in the Council have won the admiration and respect of even his political enemies, while the good opinion of those who warmly supported him for the seat has been confirmed and strengthened by his acts. Ex-Mayor MacDonald, a sterling and capable man, it is rumored, will also be a candidate for the Commons.

THE CAPTIVE ENGLISH GIRL.—His Excellency the Governor, we are pleased to be enabled to state, has lost no time in taking steps to secure the English girl now held in captivity by the Indians of Mitlenahs. H.M.S. Sparrowhawk, Capt. Mac, will be dispatched to Neah Bay this morning with instructions to consult with the American authorities there with respect to the course to be pursued. Mr Francis Capt Spring and Capt Langton were released by the Governor yesterday, and stated what they knew about the affair.

Don't Lick It.—The settlers on San Juan Island of both nationalities are not cheerful over the prospect of a settlement of the San Juan question. They enjoy ample protection, but escape taxation by either Government, and have not paid a shilling for the land they occupy—nor will they be required to do either until the island shall have been finally awarded to one of the claimants. It is a well made shoe that don't pinch somewhere.

BLOWN AWAY.—On San Juan Island, a few weeks ago, a settler named Bell started to build a substantial house. The building was approaching completion when one of the recent blows came and carried it off into the woods without inflicting much damage. The settler, believing that "it's no ill wind that blows nobody good," has decided to allow the house to remain just where old Boreas deposited it and will complete it as it stands.

RHEUM AGAIN.—That artful villain Rheum has run off with another girl in Oregon. He appeared at the town of Albany about three weeks ago, under the name of Dr. H. J. Fasy; borrowed \$250 and stole a young girl of tender age, with whom he fled to Cornwallis. From that town he packed the girl back to her parents and left for parts unknown.

THEATRICALS COMING.—A dispatch received by Mr Tony Ward from Portland yesterday states that Mr L. F. Beatty, wife and daughter with a full dramatic corps will come around by the next trip of the propeller California and play at the theatre, which they have secured for the season. Mr Beatty played here many years ago and was a great favorite.

THE MENDS.—Yesterday the local agent of the Lane & Kuria Company received a telegram from Col Lane, instructing him to stop the sale of stock in this colony as the remaining shares are wanted in San Francisco.

SAILED.—The H. B. Co's steamer Estarprise, Capt Swenson, sailed for New Westminster yesterday, carrying a way considerable freight and quite a number of passengers. She may be expected back this evening, bringing Barnard's Cariboo Express.

PRISON THOROU.—The inmate, who receded off himself quite conspicuous in these parts last summer, has been sent to the Insane Asylum at Portland, Oregon.

ACCIDENT.—A man known as "Brookley Tom" fell against the side of a stove in the Phoenix Saloon yesterday and received a severe cut on the head. Dr Matthews was called in and dressed the wound.

SHOT AWAY.—Wentley Huxton, of the Sagash coal mine, had his fingers shot away by the premature discharge of his gun while out hunting a few days ago.

DEPARTURE OF AMERICAN FISHERMEN.—In former years there were seventy fishing vessels own by Newcastle, N. H. and twenty at Kittery. Now there are seven at Newcastle and only one or two at Kittery.

The schooner Surprise, Capt Spring, sailed for the West Coast yesterday on a trading voyage.

The telegraph worked through to San Francisco last night, the first time in five days.

DEATH OF THE MARQUESS.—Many of our readers will call readily to mind a tall, thin, dark-complexioned man, slightly stooped and thickly clad, who, winter or summer, always wore a pair of yellow leggings, very much the worse for wear, to which he appeared to cling with a tenacity that amounted almost to an affectionate regard. This poor man—whose real name was James Wooster, but who, from the evidence which he always gave of having been a gentleman, was generally known as the Marquis—subsisted by sweeping out offices and barrooms and doing odd chores. He was considered by his employers to be a faithful honest creature, whose chief fault was a craving for strong drink, in satisfying which he had lost a responsible situation at a banker's in London and had sunk to the state of misery which he has occupied since. Yesterday morning he was missed from his usual haunts and upon enquiry being made he was found lying in a wretched hole on Fort street, dying. A kind-hearted neighbor gave him some tea and went for a doctor, but upon his return the wretched Marquis had breathed his last. As the cause of death is but too apparent no inquest will be held, and the remains will be interred to-day.

THE 'HEATHEN CHINESE.'—The other day a Chinaman was detected in the act of stealing a coat from the door of Anderson & Co. of Johnson street. Mr Anderson saw the theft, and remembering that "For ways that are dark and tricks that are vain, The Heathen Chinese is peculiar," sent for a policeman, who went for that Heathen Chinese and brought him before the Police Magistrate. Yesterday the Chinese pleaded guilty and was sent to "do work" in the chain-gang for three months. The case of Ah Sun, cook at Government House, charged with stealing Ah Sam, a gambler, was called on in the Police Court yesterday morning, and after a short investigation was further postponed.

DECIDEDLY BUSY.—The rush of people to C. A. Noltemeier's Boot and Shoe Store, adjoining the St. Nicholas Hotel, during the present week, has been unprecedented; and the cry is—"Still they come." The goods were sold lower than ever before, and the closing out sale will be continued next week at a still greater reduction.

THE GRAPPLER. Capt Devereux, with J. C. Nicholson, Esq., and Capts Ella and McOulough, and Bernard's Cariboo Letter Express, arrived at 12 last night from Burrard Inlet.

THE CALIFORNIA.—This steamer is fully due from Nanaimo en route to Portland.

Electric Telegraph.

SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST.

LAST NIGHT'S DISPATCHES.

EXCLUSIVE

To the British Colonist

(BY MAINLAND TELEGRAPH.)

British Columbia.

NEW WESTMINSTER, 23rd.—Barnard's Cariboo Express W. Bristol, Messenger, arrived last evening. Cariboo mining news rather meagre. Several claims on William, Grouse and Lowhe creek and Stout's Gulch are taking out fair pay. On Lightning creek the Spence Company took out 110 and 140 ozs. for the last two weeks. The Lightning Company 57 and 112 ounces for the same time. Sylvester with the Omicron Express arrived at Quesselle on Monday Jan 30th and left on return trip on the 2nd inst. He reports forty men wintering above Fort James. No new discoveries as it is impossible to prospect much in winter. He considers that there are sufficient provisions for those who are there now, but if any more come before supplies can be got in there will be a great scarcity. Jim May and seven others left for Omicron about the 1st inst.

The weather in Cariboo has been fine with but little snow for the last two weeks. Around Yale the snow is about 2 feet in depth and the river quite clear of ice between Yale and New Westminster. The Grappler towing the ship Elmonston arrived at Burrard Inlet to day, bringing the Victoria Colonist dailies and weeklies for New Westminster—welcome visitor. She starts for Victoria at noon to-morrow. Thus, Spence has commenced the repair of the Burrard Inlet road, which notwithstanding the unfavorable weather is progressing satisfactorily.

On Tuesday an inquest was held on the body of an Indian woman, when a verdict was given to the effect that the immediate cause of death was the rupture of a blood vessel of the lungs, was returned.

A slight fall of snow here to-night.

THE HIGH COMMISSION AT WASHINGTON!

SAN DOMINGO REVOLTS!

The People refuse to be sold like Merchandise!

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The British members of the Joint High Commission reached here to-day. Kingston, Feb. 23.—It is rumored that a revolution has broken out in Hayti, and that Salnave will be made President. A proclamation has appeared from Capiti calling on all true Dominicans to drive Buz from the country and prevent San Domingo being sold like merchandise.

Europe.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—It is believed that the French Assembly will name a Triumvirate, including an admiral and generals, to arrange terms of peace and to shift the responsibilities of the reorganization of France on other shoulders.

PARIS, Feb. 21.—A special says that the programme is to conclude peace on the best terms, to clear France of Germans, place the French army in Paris under Changarnier, induce the Assembly to proclaim the Charter of 1830 as the supreme law, and to submit to a plebiscite the election of Count de Paris as King.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—A dispatch from Havre says that upon Alencon refusing to pay a fresh contribution, the Mayor and ten Councillors are held as hostages.

The mails from Paris are now forwarded by way of Calais.

PARIS, Feb. 20.—Government declares to the Lower House that interference with the internal affairs of Roumania is not intended.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—China papers received by overland mail report that an assault was made upon Seward and his party during their visit to Hingtoo.

PARIS, Feb. 23.—Nothing is known of the Prussian terms of peace. *Figaro* says they are conciliatory. The Paris *Moniteur* says Trochu resigned at the request of the Prussians and returned to private life. The Versailles official journal justifies the German demand for two million francs, and cites the example of the Americans.

VERSAILLES, Feb. 23.—The German Emperor received Thiers to-day. General Chanzy was present at the interview.

Peace is considered as concluded, although it has not yet been signed. The Germans will probably enter Paris Sunday next without any triumphal ceremony.

BONDAUX, Feb. 23.—Minister Ricard has arrived here. Rochefort has gone to Paris. Prince de Joinville and the Duc de Aumale have written to M. Grey, stating that they await the decision of the Assembly on the legality of their election before presenting themselves to take their seats in the Chamber.

PARIS, Feb. 23.—Information from Versailles says it is determined that a portion of the German army shall march through Paris on its return home. Thiers continues to oppose this, warning the Germans of the responsibility they will incur. A placard was posted on Monday in the students' quarter, appealing to the inhabitants to make a last struggle should the Prussians enter the city.

Nothing is positively known as to the conditions of peace. The financial journals say it is utterly impossible for France to pay 800 million francs or half of it even.

Thiers and Favre are at Versailles to-day. **LONDON, Feb. 23.**—Parliament was started to-night by the declaration of Lord Hartington that disaffection exists in Ireland to such an extent that it would be necessary to appoint a select committee to a certain issue. The Conservatives are exultant at this evidence of the failure of the Irish policy of the Government.

England is negotiating for the purchase of the Dutch settlement on the Gold Coast, Africa, for £32,300 sterling.

Lord Carnarvon announced a measure on national defences and argued for the necessity of early preparation in view of the astonishing rapidity of the Prussian campaign against France.

Eastern States.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The President has offered a joint resolution, prescribing the term of oath to be taken by Senator Miller of Georgia. He will be admitted to the Senate to-morrow.

DELAYED DISPATCHES.

Europe.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—In the House of Commons this evening Sir John Hawk asked whether the Government had authorized the statement by Odo Russell to Count Bismarck, on the 21st of November, to the effect that the state of the eastern question would compel Great Britain to go to war with Russia with or without allies. Sir John wanted to know what preparations had been made to back up the threat.

Gladstone replied that Russell's arguments were unauthorized. Russell had been vested with a certain kind of discretion, and no certain instructions had been sent him. His course in this matter was censurable.

Viscount Enfield stated that the Government contemplated closing the British Legation in minor European Courts.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—The steamer Cuba on Saturday took Earl DeGrey, Tenterden and Montague Bernard.

Canada.

TORONTO, Feb. 17.—The Government organ says in relation to Sir John Rose declining to sit on the high commission, that the financial negotiation entrusted to him by the Washington Government, constituted the main if not the only reason for his declining to accept the position.

A large loan is already advised by the Secretary of the Treasury for the purpose of consolidating the American debt with a view to the reduction of the interest on it. There would be an impropriety in Rose accepting negotiations of a portion of this loan in England and sitting on the commission at the same time.

California.

OAKLAND, Feb. 17.—A fatal shooting affray occurred five miles from this city, this afternoon, at the conclusion of a lawsuit, to which B. W. Carpenter, of this city, and H. W. K. Clark, of San Francisco, were plaintiffs. Both those gentlemen were in possession of the Williamson ranch. The settlers there were ordered to leave and Fred, son of H. W. K. Clark, was put on the premises as keeper to see that no damage was done to the property.

Lee Lotus Reed, who claimed to be in the employ of Williamson, and also laid claim to the land, came to Williamson's house under the Sheriff's permission to get some personal effects. He had obtained one load and came for a second with a teamster named Huatel, and while they were in the house Huatel led the team outside of the enclosure and torbade Reed to return with it, threatening to shoot him if he did. Reed opened the gate and the teamster drove in. Clark commenced firing, one shot at the teamster and lived at least, two or which took effect. Reed lived about fifteen minutes after being shot. Clark claims that the shooting was in self-defence. He surrendered himself to the authorities and is now in custody.

Depu y Marshal Ackerman started for Trinity county this morning to re-arrest Sheriff Jackson, a new indictment having been found by the United States Grand Jury for collecting a large miners' tax from Chinamen.

The crops at all points north and south of here are reported as looking, on the average, better than usual at this season.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 17.—A party of swindlers who recently attempted to get up a gift jewelry swindle under the name of Rose & Co No. 122 Leidesdorff street, but were run by the police, returned recently and set up a circular promising to give the price of the Mercantile Library Lottery tickets in jewelry, with which they flooded the streets, and it is supposed they procured a considerable sum in greenbacks before they suspected that the police were on the track and decamped again.

The party are all old operators in the gift enterprise swindling, and hail originally from New York where they operated at various times under many names.

The architects of San Francisco propose to meet formally in a body to-morrow night to congratulate architect Lavar at his hotel on his success over Eastern architects for the plan of the new City Hall, in open competition with them and the other members of the profession throughout the United States.

Ninety vessels are now en route for San Francisco from eastern and foreign ports, including twenty-six ships from New York and Boston and twenty-two ships and barks from European ports.

The following appeared in the *Times* to-day in the notices of births. In Teumsoth, on the 27th instant, the wife of Mr John Milligan, of twins, son and daughter. Mr Milligan is 79 years old and the father of 19 children.

The Real Estate Tax Commission.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST.—I have read the bill which has been introduced for the purpose of rectifying the land taxes. This is a subject which affects almost all the property on the island, and the proposed Act carefully avoids the evil it is necessary to cure. The Land Tax Act, as your readers may know, were passed ostensibly for the purpose of imposing a tax on land, instead of which individuals were taxed in respect of land supposed to be owned by them. Thus tenants and occupiers were inserted in the tax lists in respect of lands in which they had a very slight interest, and in many instances the owner had paid the taxes and his land appeared in the lists in respect of improvements erected by some temporary tenant, and the owner, relying on his receipt, finds the Crown ready to take possession on account of this entry. The Government neglected to enforce the tax Acts and in consequence a large number of prior occupants of lots, mortgages and tenants have lost the colony in the unfortunate owners have to make good the default of the officers of the Crown. Again, in numerous instances owners paid all the taxes claimed by the Treasury and now are astonished to find that prior taxes of which they knew nothing are raked up against them.

The proposed Ordinance deals with errors and inaccuracies only in the published lists, instead of fixing some basis from which to start by relieving the owner of property from the possession of a receipt a clearance of all prior taxes, and by cancelling those taxes which were fairly collectable when imposed, but which are no longer so.

As this is a question which affects almost the whole landed property in the island it deserves a careful investigation and is most decidedly a subject for relief. I trust, Mr Editor, that the Council who are about to legislate on this matter will not do so without full knowledge of all the facts and take into consideration the default of officers of the Crown, the unlawful collection of taxes already paid and the general negligence which has been shown by the government all through the affair.

I am, sir, your obdt. servt.

PUBLIC.

Premature Decay of Fruit Trees.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST.—You can readily believe me when I state that having carefully gone over the letter of your correspondent Pyrus Malus in search of something like criticism or argument on the subject of my last letter, I can find nothing. My better judgment therefore was about to decide on treating his effusion with silence, when a little imp, at my elbow whispered—"don't, have a little fun with the infuriated animal, the little devil more than insinuating malice preposses as the cause of the abuse being done up in transparent bundles to throw at my devoted head. Very likely little smutty I recognize the cloven foot in every sentence and can forgive him feeling he has a me show of cause in the bare mention in one of my former letters of the 'fish oil theory,' for the severe bilious flavor in which he seems writing. He evidently cannot forget a former castigation which I administered to him. The old wound still rankles.

My letters both past and present to speak for themselves are before the public, which no doubt will form its own estimate as to their value without reference to the perversions of one who has not the malice to stand before the public in his true character, but shoots his mud pellets behind the shelter of a nom de plume.

Fearing his brazen effrontery as to the introduction of the Fungus theory into the present discussion, to your tender care, I come to a question on vital force, on what part of the tree own the vital forces be found? I reply if he will ask the question of a gentleman of my acquaintance in Yates at, he will probably have for reply "in those parts of the tree where by your advice I applied the 'fish oil' and such was the potency of the medicine, that by one application I obtained complete mastery over these same rampant forces. The vital forces which seem to have been invoked in the latter half of his epistle, are metaphysical and mechanical; mechanical spirits in fact, Alcoholic away with ye, you insinuating little imp, I am lost in admiration at the luminosity of his teachings about Physical causes etc, and will take measures to forward them to Professor Huxley.

"Fools rush in where angels fear to tread."

H. MITCHELL.

Victoria Nursery, Feb 23rd, 1871.

NEWS FOR THE LADIES.

A new Shuttle Lock Stitch Sewing Machine has just been received by R. Beaven, Government street Price \$40. Call and examine them.

A. GILMORE, MERCHANT TAILOR, and General Outfitter.

Has removed his place of business to the store adjoining the Colonial Hotel at opposite the Colonist Office, on Government street, fourth door from Yates, where he proposes to give his old friends and new customers a chance on the principle of quick sales and small profits.

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Chills and fever, fever and ague, and every kind of intermittent and remittent fever, spring from one cause, viz: Inhalation of malaria, or miasma, which vitates and depraves the biliary secretions, and deranges the natural action of the stomach and liver, and produces the above diseases. Bristol's Sarsaparilla and Pills are the surest and safest of all correctors and invigorators of the liver and stomach. They are a certain cure for malarial diseases. 679.

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J. SMITH, Marysville. 678

New Goods, Jouvin's Gloves, &c., just received by Express at Victoria House.

Caution.

The Fashionable World and all purchasers of Florida Water, should be careful to see that they get the true "Murray & Lanman's Florida Water." All other preparations under the name of Florida Water are comparatively worthless, and possess none of the virtues of the genuine article which is prepared only by Lanman & Kemp, New York, sole proprietors. 553

NEW PACIFIC.

Lemons and Limes.

California Cheese.

Just received and for sale low by

E. F. PICKETT & CO.

Estate of Edward McCaffray.

ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST the estate of the late Edward McCaffray will please present the same for payment to Thomas Earle, Wharf street, to whom all accounts due said estate are to be paid.

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Notice to Architects

THE CHURCH BUILDING Committee invite Architects to send in by the 31st March next Designs, Drawings and Specifications, under address to the undersigned, for a Wooden Framed Church of seating 500 persons, to be plastered inside and rough-cast outside, to be built on a foundation of rubble-stone masonry, on the site of the former Cathedral, on Church Hill, Victoria, British Columbia. The cost of the building is not to exceed \$10,000. The Committee are of opinion that Gothic would be the most suitable to the site and material of construction proposed.

A premium of \$250 will be paid for that Design and Drawings which may be selected by the Committee and which will be retained as their property. All other plans sent in will be returned under seal to the respective designers of the same.

By order of the above Committee.

HENRY P. FELLEW CREASE, Hon Secretary. ja5

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